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Gentlemen, The Flag



"... In the 171st year of our independence..." its meaning is the same.

Under its stars which stand for harmony and eternity; under the blue field which involves the virtues of vigilance, perseverance and justice; under the red stripes of daring; under the white of purity... we see its meaning fulfilled.

If we want it in our future, let us fulfill... "I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Payday For Week June 29 Moved To July 7

Due to the fact that the payday for the week ending June 29 falls on Independence Day, July 4, employees who would ordinarily be paid on that day will be paid Monday, July 7, in the usual order.

Blue Cross Fees Are Paid In Advance

Terminated Employees Have Month Before Payment Is Due

While most employees have never been aware of the fact that their Blue Cross Hospital Plan policies were paid in full for one month in advance, numerous employees have been trying to make immediate payments on their policies upon terminating their Scovill employment. It was revealed that under the group plan in Scovill, a one-month advance payment was deducted from members' pay.

Most employees who have left Scovill want to retain the protection of the Plan, but payments must be made at the Plan Office at 193 Grand Street rather than in Scovill. When an employee leaves Scovill, his policies are paid one month ahead and when a notice is received, payment must be made at the city office. If he or she is not reemployed in Scovill or another concern operating under the group plan within three months, direct payments will have to be made to the Office which are slightly higher than the group fees.

If employment is taken elsewhere, the policies are transferred automatically when a change of employment address is sent to the local office.

Blood Drive Meets With Good Success

Drawing in a sigh of relief, the Employee Activities Office expelled the same breath in words of thanks to the many Scovillites who came through in the past two weeks to fill a deficit in the Blood Bank and then started to build a surplus. Over 30 pints of whole blood were donated as individual departments initiated drives to get blood for Scovillites and their immediate families who needed it.

Veterans have come forth to do a good job of donating but several were rejected owing to several blood conditions. Those who had malaria and yellow jaundice were not used. Donors are still looked for to keep the account above the withdrawal level. Those interested should call the Employee Activities Office, 834. They will be given a day's notice before a donation. Anybody who has had the above mentioned diseases should not attempt to donate.

Next Issue Of Paper Due On July 14

This copy of THE BULLETIN will be the final issue under once-a-week publication. Next issue of the paper will appear on July 14 and from then on it will be published twice a month.

Contributing writers and Plant reporters have been asked to have their news material in by noonday, July 8 to appear in the July 14 issue.

Pictures of events will still be handled in the same manner. If a picture is desired of any event concerning employees, a request should be made through THE BULLETIN at least 24 hours before the event takes place.

Now's The Time To Save

As has been found true many times, there's only one easy way to save—the automatic way—Payroll Savings here in Scovill. During June and July, the Treasury Department is seeking to enroll all possible Scovillites into the Plan. To Scovillites, it is the easiest way of savings, now when the earning power is up at the top and incomes are high. It means that the productive years will secure uncertain future years.

Today's value of outstanding Savings Bonds stands at \$44 billions—and Scovillites can help boost it still higher by joining the weekly Payroll Savings plan now.

Children's Toys Sought

Do you have any of your children's old toys, play pens or nursery chairs stored away—not of any use to you any more? Why not put them to use again? The Lincoln House, affiliate of the Community Chest, is looking for playthings for two sets of twins whose families have not been able to supply the items. Call the Family Service at Lincoln house if you are able to help.

Let's Keep Our Shirts On

The Taft-Hartley Bill is law. As is the case with all new laws, some people do not like parts of it. But it was passed over the President's veto by a record vote. The men we sent to Congress, and who know what the people back home want, have made it law.

This bill does not hurt the legitimate aims of labor unions. All the screaming that it is a slave labor bill has been promoted by entrenched labor leaders who naturally do not like to be cut down to normal size. While the bill is not perfect, it does remove some of the special privilege from unions and union leaders.

There have been published reports that some union leaders wish to call a general strike in protest against the bill. Let's call a spade a spade. Such a strike would be rebellion against the government. The Taft-Hartley Bill is emancipation for thousands of individuals who have had to pay involuntary tribute for the right to work. This bill is in the interest of the working man.

New Assignments

The following notice of appointment has been received from the Vice-President in charge of Engineering, M. L. Sperry, Jr.:

Effective Tuesday, June 10, Mr. John J. Fitzgerald was appointed Heating and Ventilating Engineer. He will report to Mr. C. W. Childs, Chief Construction Engineer.

From the Superintendent of Traffic, James B. Griffin, comes the following notice of appointment:

Effective June 9, Mr. F. A. Brown, in addition to his present duties as Assistant to the Traffic Superintendent, has been assigned the following:

Training and examining of candidates for and holders of licenses to operate lift trucks (gas and electric), industrial tractors (gas and electric) and hand electric transporters.

He will advise the Safety Department whether or not the employee is to be licensed in accordance with present hazardous occupation regulations.

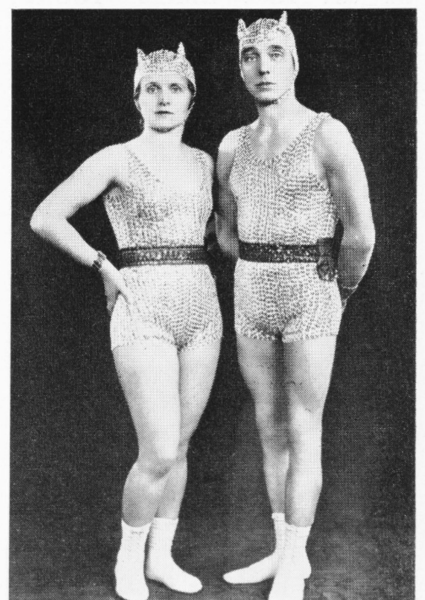
Aerial Act Booked For Carnival

European Artists, Kurtzo & Kurtz, To Appear

An exciting aerial act featuring trapeze and high perch feats atop a 90-foot platform has been booked as one of the feature attractions of the Bowling Alley Fund Carnival which is due for a week-long run at the Meriden Road area starting July 28.

Al Kurtzo and Margaret Kurtz, the European aerial artists who have appeared at many fairs and expositions throughout the country will give their performances every evening and a matinee show on Saturday.

Plans for the big carnival sponsored by all Scovill clubs have been growing steadily. Twelve booths, from refreshments to novelty contests, a merry-go-round, ferris wheel and other rides will be on the carnival scene. Admission for the event has been set at ten cents for adults and the proceeds will go into building of the alleys.



Kurtzo & Kurtz

Six Employees, Scovillites For A Quarter Of A Century



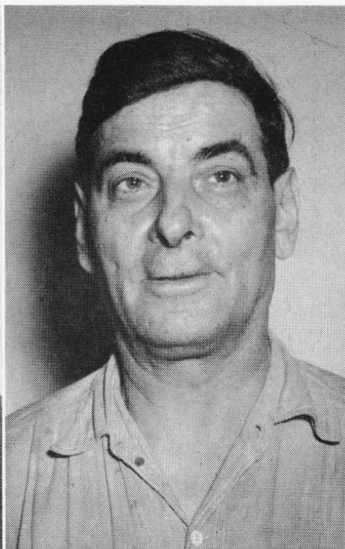
Antonio Finelli



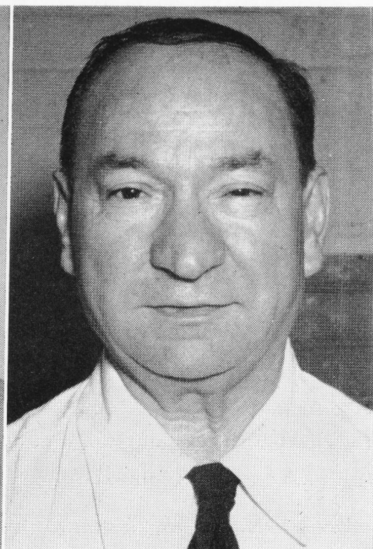
Charles Desmarais



Helen White



Michael Santora



Carlo Petrello

ANTONIO FINELLI, Group Leader in the Trucking Department, rounded out twenty-five years of continuous service on Monday, June 23.

Better known to his many Scovill friends as "Jack O'Brien," Mr. Finelli hails from Roseto Valfortore, near Foggia, in Italy. With no other members of his family living, he has raised his own family of eight children here in Waterbury. All of his five sons, Michael, Arthur, Patsy, Anthony and Raymond were in the service during the war.

Mr. Finelli, who first came to work for Scovill way back in 1886, but only worked intermittently until 1922, has a favorite pastime—baseball. A Yankee fan, he claims to spend many pleasant

weekends at New York ball games. Another favorite pastime of Mr. Finelli's is cooking—having prepared many clambakes for his own family and for others.

When calling the New York Office, one is greeted with a friendly "Scovill—good morning" by the voice of SOPHIA BONISTALLI, known as "Boni," who serves as the first contact with the New York Office for many—customers and Scovillites alike.

Marking 25 years of continuous service with the Company on June 19, "Boni" has held her present position as telephone operator since 1927—a job she has filled with great proficiency ever since.

A native New Yorker, "Boni" likes flowers, dogs, travelling in New England and various other spots when she gets the opportunity. Well-known for her "sunny disposition," "Boni" is wished luck and congratulated by members of the New York Office.

Completing 25 years of continuous Scovill service is CHARLES DESMARAIS of the Button Eyelet Tool Room. Now working as a toolmaker, Mr. Desmarais has served 24 of his 25 years service in Button Eyelet—having been transferred there from the Plat-

ing Room where he was first hired by the Company as a stringer in 1922.

Married, Charlie is the father of four daughters—aging in years from ten to four. Born in Jewett City, Connecticut, Mr. Desmarais came to live in Waterbury at the age of six, has lived here ever since.

With an active interest in sports, Charlie has played golf with the Scovill league, likes to bowl, and enjoys watching and playing a good game of softball or baseball.

HELEN WHITE of the General Stores Office has completed twenty-five years of continuous service with Scovill as of June 22.

Born and raised in and around Waterbury, Helen started her Scovill career in the Waterville Division as a stenographer, coming to the Main Plant to work in 1936 in the Purchasing Office. Since that time she has worked in Mill Sales, in Store No. 7 and since 1945 in General Stores.

Helen, whose father William J. White, has been an employee of the Waterville Division for a number of years, has a most unusual hobby of collecting miniature shoes made of materials such as glass, metals and wood. With a collection of about 100 odd shoes and 95 pairs, Helen said she used to have them on display at her home but now has so many she no longer has room for them in her cabinet. She still welcomes additions, however.

Added to the list of Scovillites who have served the Company for 25 continuous years is the name of MICHAEL SANTORA of the Waterville Division. Scheduled to receive his gold pin on June 28th, Mike originally came to work for the Company in 1915, worked on and off until 1922 when his continuous service record starts.

First employed in the Screen Department, Mike was transferred to the Trucking Department in 1943. The father of seven children, five sons and two daughters, Mike hails from Italy where he was born in 1888. Now living on Scovill Street, Mike has earned the praise of being a "good worker" from his Foreman during his years with Scovill. He spends a lot of his spare time in a small garden that he owns in Oakville.

As of June 30, CARLO PETRELLO of Repair Department completed 25 years of continuous service with Scovill. First coming to work for the Company in the Fastener Room, Mr. Petrello has been in the Repair Department since 1941.

Born in Cambobasso, Italy, Mr. Petrello arrived in the United States in 1903, became a citizen in 1929. Spending about two years in New York after arriving, he then came to Waterbury to live.

Married, the father of one boy, John, Mr. Petrello likes his work in Scovill, spends most of his spare time just staying at home reading and listening to the radio.



Sophia M. Bonistalli

Dip-Plate Room

By Buck Petro

While taking a stroll through the streets the other day, MIKE SOROCHTY was approached by a pan handler who asked, "Can you lend me a dollar. I don't get paid until tomorrow." MIKE replied to this with, "I'm sorry, I haven't a cent—I was paid yesterday."

One day last week, MICKEY EZZO was limping badly. "What's the trouble," asked Foreman BILL TEDESCO, "hurt yourself?" "No," replied MICKEY, "I got a nail in my boot." Why don't you take it out?" said BILL. "What," replied MICKEY, "during my lunch hour?"

ROSEMARY of the Plating Room says that a woman may be weaker than a man but she can put a cap on a fruit jar so tight he can't take it off!

Many happy returns to JOHN CAREY who recently celebrated his 27th birthday.

CARMELLA COSSU of the Plating Room tells us that any person can be cured of snoring by good advice, cooperation, kindness and by stuffing an old sock in his mouth.

We're sorry to see MARY PETROKAITIS and THELMA GRANT leave us. We hope they will be back soon.

TOM DOYLE of the Plating Room was transferred to Buff No. 1. We hope he likes his new job.

We think it was nice of MARY MAR-RONE to invite both departments to her wedding on June 28th.

After MILLIE WOODS, our office girl, got her new feather hair cut, her next job was planning her vacation to her New Hampshire home. We hope you enjoyed yourself, MILLIE.

Swim Lessons To Be Given At Woodtick

When anybody ventures near water, one predominating thing should be known—that of knowing how to swim—whether it be child, teen-ager or adult. With that purpose in mind, the Employee Activities Office has set up a scheduled plan for teaching all age groups at Woodtick.

Under the direction of Mr. J.O.P. Manherz, Crosby High School swimming coach, all Scovill employees and members of their immediate families will be able to take lessons in the morning at Woodtick. For \$1.50, ten swimming lessons will be given. This small fee also covers locker privileges which themselves cost 15¢ a day.

By calling the Employee Activities Office, lesson arrangements can be made. The age groups cover: non-swimmers up to the age of ten, non-swimmers from 10 to 16 years, and adults.

Attendance Increases With New Cooks



Backed by the homelike efforts of a Mr. and Mrs. combination, dining in the Foremen's Club has taken on new life. There but a few weeks, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Holmes have upped the tastiness and quality of meals already according to latest opinions. The complete operation of the clubhouse as to meals and upkeep has been placed in their hands. "Just like eating at home" is the report of many and as the above picture shows, seats are hard to find at lunchtime now.



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Vacation Every Day

The weather ripe, the forecasts fly fast in one channeled direction, "Just wait'll I get on my vacation." That's good. Everybody should have a vacation to get away from the day by day cares, experience a change of scenery, take note of how other people live. It keeps the mind fresh and active. Some people spend many waiting days for that period to come, but with many, every day is a vacation.

How? Well, they take advantage of fun at hand. For Scovillites, it means Woodtick. Every fine day after work finds many Scovillites on busses and cars heading for a twilight picnic, a refreshing swim or just looking for a tree to relax under.

A few have commented, "But there are no amusements there." True, and there's a specific reason for their lack. It's expense, not for the Company, but for the employee. Most of the people journeying there go with their families, often have several children in tow. It's a family recreation area. Suppose there were a few amusements — a hobby-horse or ferris wheel on the spot? Pop would find himself shoveling out many extra dimes. Then the kids would want a hot dog or an ice cream. Multiply one youngster's wants by two or three and Pop would pay — pay when he probably couldn't afford it.

That is just one of the many reasons why the usual resort attractions are not there. By keeping all costs for a Scovill employee's enjoyment down to a bare minimum that only pays for the area's operations, people can go there day after day with no worry about money. There's no temptation to spend money.

This day by day habit of enjoyment is growing. Several have commented on why they go out there after work almost every day. It gives them hours in the sun and fresh air, it makes a simple lunch taste far more appetizing than a sumptuous meal. Besides that, when the kids come along, there's no worry about them. Woodtick has one of the best supervised and closely guarded children's areas in the country.

Is Woodtick going to grow in size and facilities? Definitely, but they will still be facilities that cost the employee nothing. The children's area is established and more equipment will be added shortly. The beach will grow as more go there. Same with the locker facilities. Ditto the picnic areas and sports facilities.

The point to remember about Woodtick is that it is for the family, a retreat for relaxation and fun, not an amusement park for a one-day-a-year outing.

National IRA Names Fred Wilson Director

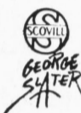
At the recent four-day convention in Chicago of the National Industrial Recreation Association, Fred Wilson, Coordinator of Employee Activities, was elected as one of the group's seven directors for a two-year term. Mr. Wilson is also chairman of the local IRA group.

In directing a panel discussion on industrial recreation, Mr. Wilson brought out to representatives of various industries nationwide the facilities Scovill employees have realized in recent years and the constant need for more.

In commenting upon his election, Mr. Wilson, refusing to credit himself on the election, stated, "I'm sure it wasn't me they were electing. They (NIRA) elected a Scovill man because the Company's plan of including a wide range of facilities for the family as well as the employee has been publicized and approved all over the country and many concerns are planning similar setups."

The national IRA group works for a continual exchange of ideas and ways to bring added recreation to industrial employees.

VACATION TIME Time To Be Careful



Bonus Forms To Be Kept On Hand For Veterans

While it has generally been considered that the main rush for state bonus applications has passed, the forms will still be kept on hand for any Scovill veterans who have not filed. Mrs. White of the Blue Cross Office will assist Scovillites in filing, furnish the forms and mailing envelopes.

Within Our Gates

By Jack Driscoll

Congratulations to MR. and MRS. PETER TARTAGLIA, Trim and Knurl, on the arrival of a new six pound four ounce baby boy!

JOSEPH LANGO thinks his pal is not well in Chicago. He received a letter reading, "ED is in Chicago, ill."

BILL STANG in the Power House claims they never played cards on the Ark. I suppose he sat on the deck!

MIKE RYAN of Salvage likes violin music—especially the new violin concerto—"I've got you under my chin."

A girl told CHARLIE LUCAS that the man she marries will have to go through fire and water for her. CHARLIE replied, "What you want is a fireman."

JACKIE MURPHY told his girl she looked like an "old Rembrandt." She glared at him and replied, "You don't look so hot yourself."

ART PICARD of Trim and Knurl doesn't worry about the high prices of meat. In Canada recently he grabbed an axe and got himself a couple of chops.

DAN HARMON has no water up where he lives — he says he's going to have an "Argentina well" dug in his yard.

Popular Instruction Helps Fight Cancer

Popular instruction is rapidly proving to be the chosen enemy of cancer. More cases are being caught in the early stages and cured. Popular instruction is doing a fine job while medical science labors incessantly to find the real source and cure. Getting fast treatment at the slightest sign of cancer means much today.

It can be cured before it spreads for it begins as a small lump or growth. A good surgeon can often remove this and entirely stop the disease. If the lump spreads to other body points, cure is difficult. There is nothing to be ashamed of about cancer. Science says it is probably not a "germ" disease. Doctors and nurses who have attended thousands with it have never contracted it.

Unlike other diseases, cancer does not make itself known with pain which explains why so many people seek treatment too late. It must be checked early. One sign is a sore that does not heal promptly, especially about the mouth, lip or tongue. "Cold sores" disappear after a few days. Cancer does not. Get the doctor's advice. Warts, moles and birthmarks should be watched for they often become cancerous. Know the signs and check with your doctor.

Thursday—Fire Exit Day
Check location. This is for your safety.

Tiny Scovillite



Tiny brown-eyed Cynthia Lee Milbrandt is the baby daughter of Ben Milbrandt of the Button Tool Room. Cynthia Lee is just six months old.

Softball Round-Up

Scovill Ladies Conquer Benrus

The good old battery of yesteryear adorned the field for Scovill last week and defeated the Benrus ladies by the score of 8 to 4. "Smoky" Lecomte had her hitting shoes on and connected for a round tripper with a few mates aboard. The game was featured by all-around heads-up playing by the Scovillites—they made a double play on 2 consecutive run-down plays, excellently executed. Tres bien, ladies.

The score by innings:

Scovill 202 004 0—8 14 1
Benrus 100 300 0—4 7 3

Batteries: Ostroski and Osborne; Buglione and Andrews.

Scovill Wins 6th In A Row

The Scovill Varsity outslugged Chase last Monday evening and won going away 20 to 11. The Scovillites outhit Chase 20 to 10 and each team bunched its hits effectively. Chase got as many hits off "Gordie" Groff as it did in any two previous games. However, "Gordie" bore down when necessary. This week, the second round of the IRA competition will get under way.

The score by innings:

Chase 150 410 0—11 10 2
Scovill 360 443 x—20 20 1

Batteries: Groff and Crowe; LaRusso and White.

Trucking Trims Millwrights

The Millwrights scored 2 runs, in the last half of the second to tie the score, but from the fourth inning on, the lights went out again. Canese was again the winning pitcher. The Truckers now show a record of 4 wins and 2 losses, the Millwrights (sorry, records are lost). The score was 10 to 2.

Informal Rifle Match Can Be Arranged

For rifle team members desiring to shoot informally during the summer months, matches can be arranged by the Employee Activities Office. Give the Office a call at extension 834 if interested and a match will be scheduled for you.

Those Tin Shop Boys



Win or lose, when the Tin Shop boys hit the diamond, the whole Inter-Department League knows it. So far, they've lost 5, won 2. Here they are, first row, reading heads to the right: Michael Greco, Ted Hojnacki, Fred McGhee, Gene Lionello, Fred McGhee, Jr., Art Graveline, Joseph Olson and Ed Kissel. Rear row: Ed Semaskvich, Frank Houghton, Wendell Perry, Fred Baiocchi, Don Elwood, Charles Montrose, John Dangerdas, Gene Sherman and Edward Mascola. The Tinsmiths' little charm girl is Carol Ann Lionello. She also cheers her dad on.

North Mill Downs A.S.M.D.

The North Mill became the first team to win 6 games in the National League by virtue of its victory over A.S.M.D. It was the Miller's fifth victory in a row. Lepo continued his consistently good pitching for Carl Longo.

North Mill Wins Over Buff No. 2

The North Mill took the measure of the lowly Buff No. 2 team, 12 to 7. The Buffers, however, have renewed spirits in that they have acquired a few new players. The North Mill, from looking at its record, doesn't need any new ones.

Casting Loses To Dip And Plate; Defeats Button Tool

The Casting Shop team split a double header last Monday at Woodtick, dropping the 1st game to Dip and Plate 5 to 1, downing the Button Toolers in the 2nd game 9 to 2. Jim Pettito was the big sticker for the Platers, getting 3 for 3. Tora hit hard for the losers. In the 2nd game, Tony Cugno hit hard for the Button Toolers, Tom Guinea wielded the heavy stick for the winners.

Standings

The top teams of the American league are Casting, 5-2; Truckers, West Machine and Dip and Plate, 4-2; Press No. 2, 3-2.

The top teams of the National League are North Mill, 7-1; Tube Mill and Waterville, 5-1; A.S.M.D., 4-2; Hardening, 3-2.

North Mill Hands Tube Mill First Defeat

Carl Longo's North Mill combine handed Al Baker's Tube Mill softballers their first defeat of the season. This gives the North Millers top spot in the National League—they have won 7 and lost 1, while the Tube Mill and Waterville have each won five and lost 1. Lepo and Cleary formed the winning batteries, Briotti and Baker were second. The score was 9 to 1.



Carrying SERA Colors



Here's the 1947 SERA Girls' varsity softball team just before they put the Benrus ladies to shame in an 8-4 contest. Front, left to right: Edwina Miller, Coach Chet Malon, Isabelle Lecomte, Madeline Ferri. Rear row, same order: Helen Jacovich, Helen Schwartz, Juanita Addessio, Eunice Therkildsen and Janet Surgener. Missing at the time were Anne Kisonas, Helen Stanevich, Irene Landry, Sue Colangelo, Helen Carpentier, Jean Ostroski and Ruth Osborne.

Milling And Grinding, 2nd; Press 2, 3rd

The Milling and Grinding rifle team went into the runner-up position in the Inter-Department Rifle League

last Monday when it shot the targets to pieces in a lopsided 310-263 match with Press No. 2 at Woodtick.

Robert Pryor of the Grinding trio shot 47, 41, 46 and 29 for a total of 163, taking high honors for an individual position and for grand total. This match closed out the first Inter-Department rifle season with a successful finish. Cutting came out first. Matches will resume in the Fall.

Inter-Plant, IRA Bocci Being Planned

Tony DiGioia, captain and organizer of the Scovill bocci team, said last week that a team will be entered in the city's Industrial Recreation Association League and also that a four plant league is in the workings.

Bocci-men, both experts and novices, have been asked to contact the Employee Activities Office as teams will be seeded out and all promising players will be given their chance for the IRA varsity team.

As to the four-plant league being planned, Tony will captain the East Plant team while Pete Vellucci will handle the Main Plant. Waterville is being captained by John Grassi and, at present, the Oakville team is in the process of electing a leader. Games will be played once a week and all interested may either contact the team captains or the Employee Activities Office.

Rubberman Pitch Win Over Scovillites

In its first appearance in the city IRA Horseshoe League, the Scovill entry was handed a decisive defeat by the men from the United States Rubber Company at the Municipal Stadium June 18. Out of 18 games pitched, the Scovill men took but two. Point tally was 317 to 174.

Pitching for the Scovill colors were Captain George Hubbard, Everett Murphy, Frank Sabis, Erving Honyotski and David Angell. Foetsch and Passeeck of the Rubbermen both led the pitching by taking each of the four competitors they faced.

Personality Of The Week, No. 5

Number (5) of a series honoring Scovillites who have labored earnestly to bring recreation to others.

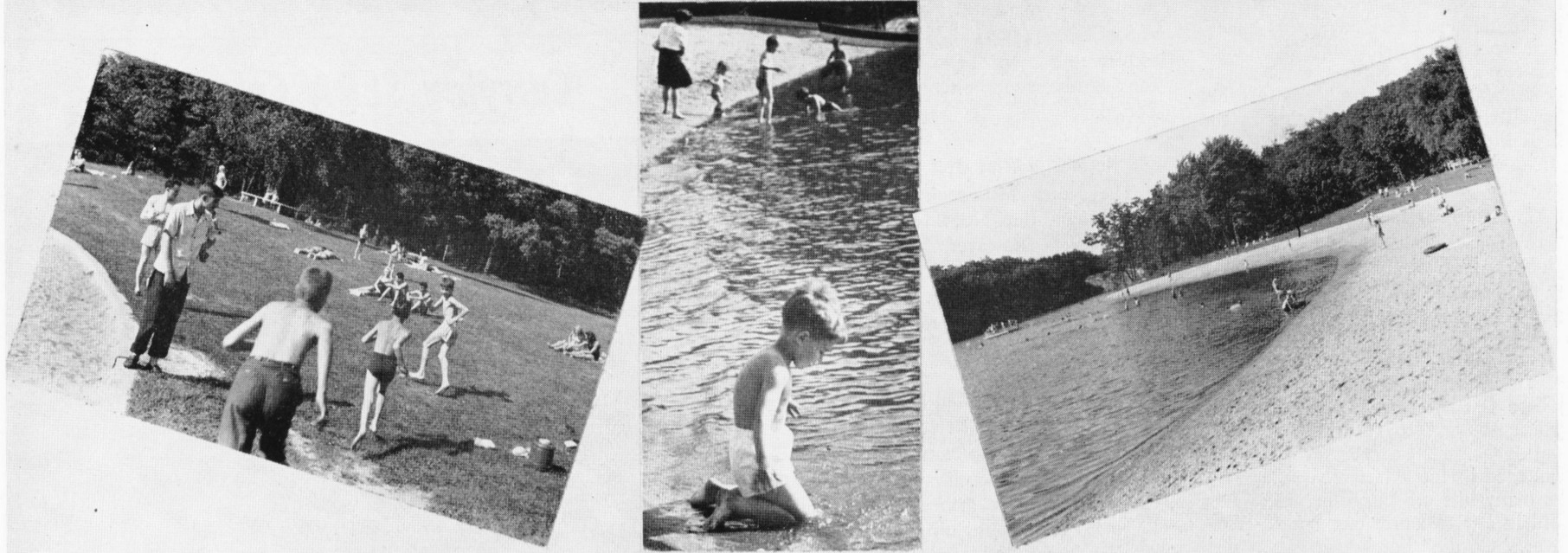
Usually in a group enterprise there is to be found an "organizer" and the group "workhorse." In rifle shooting, it's Ed DeBisschop of the Electrical Department who has filled both measurements. Last Summer he staged a single-handed propaganda campaign, talked everybody possible into becoming rifle-minded. His efforts were realized recently after the Scovill Rifle Team finished its first year in industrial competition.

As far as being the "workhorse," Ed is captain of the team, puts in many of his own hours fixing the Woodtick range with efficient shooting lights, making over part of the building into a real clubhouse.



His electrical occupation never seems to go on vacation when it can help shooting. Besides being vice-president of the Rod and Gun Club, Ed fills the posts of range officer and instructor, gets as much kick out of bringing recreation to others as he does to himself.

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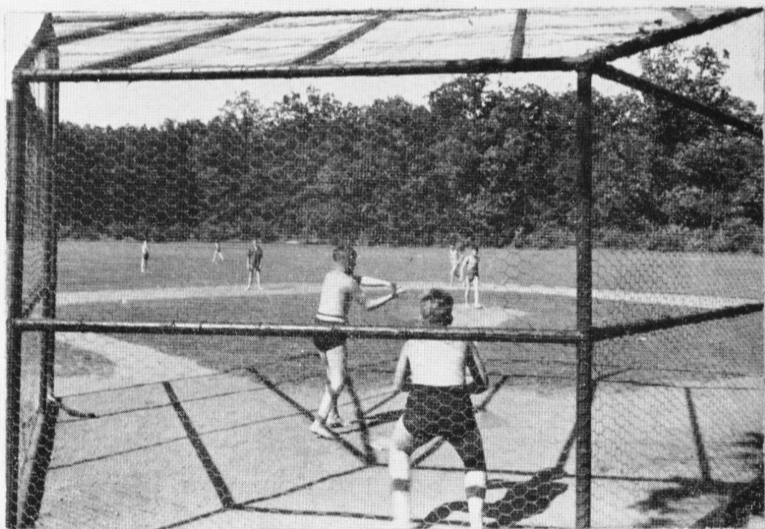
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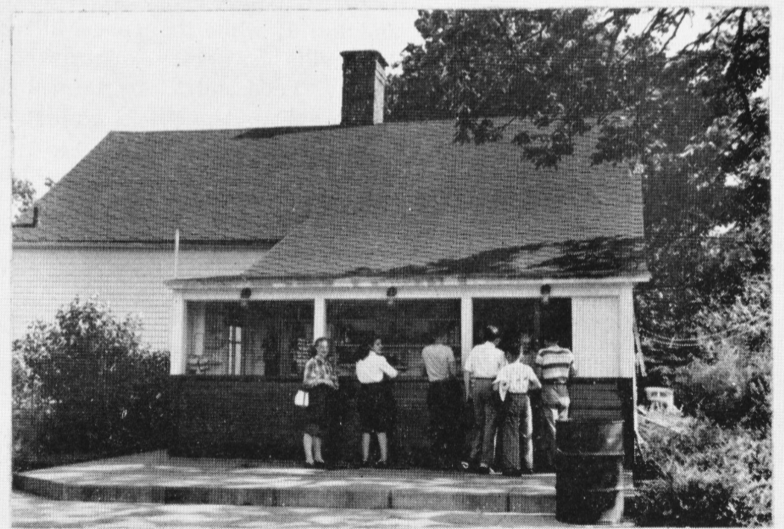
BE IT A PICNIC IN A SECLUDED SPOT...



OR JUST BASKING IN THE SUN



SPORTS FOR THE TEEN-AGERS...



AND FOOD IF YOU FORGET THE LUNCH



A PLACE OF FUN WHERE CHILDREN'S SAFETY IS CLOSELY GUARDED

